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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

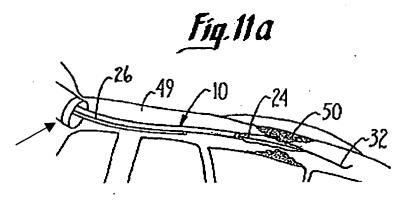
A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- Claim 10 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jang (US 2. . 5,462,530). Jang discloses a method of preparing a bifurcated vessel having a bifurcation, a main vessel, and a side branch vessel, for an interventional procedure, comprising the steps of providing an elongate catheter (31); providing a tracking guide wire lumen for receiving a tracking guide wire, the tracking guide wire lumen extending through at least a portion of the catheter (16 or 20); providing an integrated guide wire lumen for receiving an integrated guide wire, the integrated guide wire lumen extending through at least a portion of the catheter (16 or 20), wherein the tracking guide wire lumen and the integrated guide wire lumen run substantially parallel to each other throughout their lengths, and the tracking guide wire lumen and the integrated guide wire lumen do not move apart with respect to each other; advancing the catheter over the tracking guide wire to a position proximal of the bifurcation in the main vessel; advancing the integrated guide wire through the integrated guide wire lumen and into the side vessel branch; removing the catheter from a patient's vasculature; providing a retaining element for retaining the tracking guide wire and the integrated guide wire

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(See Figure 11a); and maintaining the position of the tracking guide wire relative to the integrated guide wire with the retaining element.



Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kathryn L Assadi whose telephone number is 703-305-3286. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 6:00 PM: 1st Friday Off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on 703-308-3552. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9302 for regular communications and 703-872-9303 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

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